

Thomas Jefferson to Daniel C. Brent, March 18, 1801, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

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Sir

I am to appoint a Marshall for the District of Columbia. it has been imparted to me by a mutual friend that you might perhaps be willing to accept of that office, on this suggestion I take the liberty of proposing it to you. as a court is to be held here on Monday next, it becomes necessary for me to ask the favor of an answer by the bearer, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for this purpose, because should you decline it, I shall still have to make an appointment before Monday. my anxiety to place in the offices men who will give weight to them & command the public confidence inspires an earnest desire that this may be acceptable to you.

Your most obedt. servt.

Th: Jefferson

DANIEL CARROL BRENT ESQ.

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